



Pesach, known as Passover in English, is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago.

The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the Seder (meaning order) and a festive meal; the prohibition of *chametz* (leaven); and the eating of matzah (an unleavened bread). On the eve of the fifteenth day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, we read from a book called the *hagaddah* (meaning telling), which contains the order of prayers, rituals, readings, and songs for the Pesach Seder. The Pesach Seder is the only ritual meal in the Jewish calendar year for which such an order is prescribed, hence its name.

PASSOVER SERVICES AND SEDERS

Our traditional Seder is held the first night of Passover at 6:30 p.m. (check temple calendar for date). Reservations are required. See the temple calendar and March bulletin for more information or contact Michelle at mwarren@cgoh.org or 518-374-8173.

Passover Yizkor Service held at 9:00 a.m. on the last day of Passover.

Women's Passover Seder this seder is a vegetarian potluck and is open to the community. All women are welcome! See our temple calendar and March bulletin for more information, or contact Paula Metzner at 518-265-9796.

(Very very young women are welcome, but this is a long and talky event, not a good fit for those who need crayons to keep from squirming.)